



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

DATE:

(Weeks of June 16 – June 28)

This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks; however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. Tony Petreikis

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Jones and CPO Teas issued citations for alcohol in a posted prohibited area at Mississippi Palisades State Park. Beer bottles were in plain view at both campsites.

CPO Jones assisted Savanna Fire Department and Carroll County Sheriff’s Office in the search of a missing subject who fell into the water at Savanna Marina. Savanna Fire Department located the subject.

HENRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MERCER COUNTY

CPO Francisko attended a boating safety class on Saturday June 17th in New Boston. CPO Francisko taught IL boating laws to several of the area youth. The youth received a boating safety card.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Beltran was on patrol and measured a vehicle traveling 84 miles per hour in a 55 mile per hour zone. He conducted a traffic stop and issued a citation to a 73-year-old woman from Aurora. She said she didn't know why she was driving so fast.

ROCK ISLAND

CPO Francisko checked several boaters and fisherman in various areas of Rock Island County. This resulted in 19 written warnings and 1 citation being issued. The subject who received the citation had not purchased a fishing license in over 5 years.

STEPHENSON

No activity reported for this county

WHITESIDE

CPO Jones issued an Andover, Iowa man a citation for speeding. The subject was going 82 mph in a 55 mph zone.

District 6 - Sgt. Phil Wire
(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

CPO Alt responded to a call of an injured Bald Eagle in Belvidere. Upon his arrival, he was surprised to find the "injured Bald Eagle" was, in fact, two baby Perigrine Falcons; one deceased and one uninjured that had fallen from the roost during a previous day's severe thunderstorm. CPO Alt took possession of the threatened species and immediately relayed the falcon to a local federally licensed rehabilitator.

BUREAU COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Finn and CPO Filipiak received a complaint of two men shooting a duck from their truck at Lake Mendota. After further investigation, they learned that two men from Mendota had shot at several rabbits and a duck. The duck, which had baby ducklings with her, was killed and left in the water. The two men were

charged with hunting by use or aid of a vehicle, hunting from a roadway and hunting waterfowl outside of season. They also received several written warnings.

CPO Kaufman and Murry responded to a boat in distress on the Illinois River, that had lost engine power. When they located the boat along the shore line, they found 17 individuals on board, including several children. The boat had a rated capacity of 8 people, none of the children under 13-years-old were wearing PFDs (life jackets), and there were only 4 PFDs on board for the 17 individuals. The Utica Fire Department transported the majority of the individuals to the boat ramp. The boat was towed back to the Starved Rock boat ramp where the operator of the boat received several citations and a mandatory court appearance.

CPO Kaufman responded to a fall at Matthiessen State Park. Two 18-year-old males and a juvenile were hiking in the lower dells, when they decided to climb up the east side of the dell. They had climbed up to height of 20 feet and were climbing back down, when one 18-year-old lost his footing and fell from a height of 15 feet. He landed face first into mud and was dazed and bleeding severely from his nose. The Oglesby EMS and Fire Department transported him to Illinois Valley Community Hospital. After being examined by emergency room personnel, it was determined he had not suffered any major injuries. He was treated and released. Both 18-year-olds received citations for entry into a restricted area/climbing.

CPO Kaufman was conducting fishing compliance checks on the Illinois River in Ottawa when he located a 32-year-old female without a fishing license. She also had a warrant for her arrest for a traffic citation out of Menard County. She was transported to the LaSalle County jail.

CPO Kaufman conducted a traffic stop after he observed a pickup drive through a red stop light. The driver had a revoked driver's license and no proof of insurance. He received 3 citations.

CPO Kaufman was patrolling Illini State Park after posted closing time when he located a truck in one of the picnic areas. The 4-door truck had 2 occupants who were both in the back seat of the truck. When CPO Kaufman approached the truck, the activities of the 40-year-old male and female occupants became apparent. Both individuals received written warnings for remaining in an area after posted closing time. CPO Kaufman continued his patrol through the park and located 3 other individuals doing some night time catfishing. They also received written warnings.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

On June 24, CPO Murry was working sport fishing enforcement in downtown Rockford. When leaving one area, he observed a vehicle completely fail to stop at a stop sign. CPO Murry turned around and attempted to make a stop on the vehicle. The vehicle failed to stop and fled from CPO Murry. CPO Murry extinguished his lights but was able to see the tail lights of the vehicle as it was the only other vehicle on the road. The vehicle turned onto a couple side streets and was located a short time later, by CPO Murry, parked in the middle of the roadway, running with nobody inside. Witnesses gave officers a direction the suspect ran. With assistance of Rockford PD, and a helicopter that was already in the area, the suspect was apprehended a couple blocks away. He later admitted to running because he was on parole from IDOC and did not have a driver's license.

CPOs Fraser and Alt conducted a two-officer patrol in Rockford focusing on sport fish enforcement. The CPOs issued multiple citations for no fishing license as well as citations and warnings for boat violations discovered at a nearby boat ramp.

While speaking with kayakers on the Sugar River, boaters informed CPO Schoonhoven of a vehicle that was partially submerged in the water upstream. After the vehicle was located, it was determined that it was not occupied. CPO Schoonhoven assisted Winnebago County deputies with the recovery of the vehicle. CPO Schoonhoven later learned the vehicle was reported stolen.

CPO Alt patrolled through Rock Cut State Park campgrounds and located four campsites in which the patrons were unlawfully in possession/consumption of alcohol where posted prohibited. Rock Cut State Park has been an alcohol-free State park since 1986 and is well posted. The alcohol violations were addressed in a zero-tolerance manner.

CPO Alt and CPO Murry completed a four-hour watercraft safety patrol on the Rock River. Twelve watercraft inspections were completed resulting in sixteen violations which were documented with citations and written warnings including failure to display 12" orange flag while pulling skiers, insufficient PFDs, failure to use lanyard on motorboat equipped for such use, no sounding device on motorboat, fire extinguisher not in serviceable condition on motorboat, passenger location – unlawful seating on gunwales, over bow or stern, failure to have watercraft passenger less than age thirteen wearing a PFD, and exceeding capacity of watercraft.

District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

While conducting vessel inspections at Banner Marsh SFWA, CPO Thompson encountered three male subjects on a boat at Shovel Lake. CPO Thompson recognized the boat did not have valid registration. While speaking to the operator and conducting the inspection, CPO Thompson detected the odor of cannabis. CPO Thompson located the contraband and seized it as evidence. Citations were issued for unlawful possession of cannabis and unlawful operation of a motorboat without a life jacket.

CPO Thompson conducted boat safety and registration inspections at Rice Lake. CPO Thompson issued citations for fishing without a valid fishing license and unlawful operation of a motorboat with occupants under 13 without PFDs. Written warnings were issued for two PFD violations and unnumbered watercraft (No registration).

CPO Elliott, CPO Thompson, and CPO Wheatley responded to a fatal boat accident at the Illinois River near Havana. Two fishermen found one subject floating near the mouth of the Spoon River. The responding CPOs secured the victim's boat and conducted a complete boat accident investigation. Responding agencies included: Fulton County Sheriff's Office, Mason & Fulton County Dive/Search and Rescue personnel, Mason County Sheriff's Office, and Havana Police Department.

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Reid responded to a call for assistance from the Henderson County Sheriff's Office about a subject armed with a knife committing a residential burglary in Biggsville. CPO Reid arrived on scene at the same time as a Henderson County deputy. Individuals on scene advised the subject was armed with a knife. They further advised the subject was still in the residence. The officers made entry into the residence and apprehended the subject. He was charged with residential burglary and unlawful use of weapons

KNOX COUNTY

CPO Reid taught a hunter safety class in East Galesburg.

MARSHALL

No activity reported for this county

McDONOUGH

No activity reported for this county

PEORIA COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

TAZEWELL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WARREN COUNTY

CPO Reid cited 3 individuals at Citizens lake in Monmouth.

WOODFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt. Eric Schreiber **(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)**

KANE COUNTY

CPOs Kelley and VanWiltburg helped a suicidal subject acquire medical assistance at the North Aurora dam. The man, a Chicago resident, described suicidal and homicidal thoughts to the officers as they escorted him to a nearby fire station for transport to a psychiatric ward.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Kelley investigated a property-damage only boat crash at Northpoint Marina. The investigation revealed a boat with an anchor assembly on its bowsprit collided with another vessel while docking. The damage to the second vessel consisted of a several-inch hole in the fiberglass hull.

CPO Kelley dealt with a nuisance trapping issue in Gurnee. A resident, while removing a groundhog, found that 4 young groundhogs were still present after the mother was relocated. With the help of the homeowner, CPO Kelley was able to capture the groundhogs and take them to a local rehabber.

While completing a patrol of the preserve areas at Illinois Beach State Park, CPO Kelley witnessed a naked man running frantically along the beach. The man had noticed CPO Kelley and was trying to make it back to his towel but was too late. The man was issued a citation for nude sunbathing.

Sgt Schreiber cited four underage campers for possession of alcohol in a posted restricted area after responding to a complaint from the Lake County Sheriff's Department.

While conducting a boat patrol on the Chain O Lakes, CPO Winters and CPO Vaughn observed two personal water craft out after sunset hours. A stop of the PWCs was conducted. One of the operators was showing signs of impairment, and the subject was arrested for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The subject refused to submit a breath sample.

After stopping a vehicle for speeding in Moraine Hills State Park, CPO Semenik arrested the driver for driving while license suspended and operation of an uninsured motor vehicle.

CPO Semenik was patrolling a gravel pit in McHenry County when he observed two men swimming. There is a long-standing complaint at this property which is strictly no trespassing. One man was issued civil law citations for possession of cannabis less than 10 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia. Both were issued written warnings for criminal trespass to land.

While checking fishermen on the Chain of Lakes, CPO Knop encountered two fishermen with five largemouth bass, four of which were undersized. The two fishermen each received a citation. The next week CPO Knop encountered the same fishermen who were in possession of one bass. CPO Knop asked if they had purchased a fish ruler. The fishermen stated no, but they knew it was good because it appeared to be the same size as

the legal fish last week. CPO Knop measured the bass and it just met the minimum legal limit. Once the check was completed, the fishermen walked across the street and purchased a ruler from the local bait shop.

While patrolling the Chain of Lakes, CPO Knop and CPO Semenik observed a PWC weaving in and out of "No Wake" buoys at a high speed. The PWC then proceeded to go through another "No Wake" area at a high rate of speed. When the CPOs finally stopped the watercraft, the operator stated he believed the buoys were there for his own safety and were merely a suggestion. The operator was issued a citation and informed of the regulations regarding operation of a watercraft.

McHENRY COUNTY

While checking fisherman around the Algonquin River dam, CPO Winters checked a subject with an 11" largemouth bass. There is a 14" minimum. The subject was issued a citation for failure to release a short fish.

While checking fisherman at the McHenry Dam, CPO winters checked a subject with a 9" largemouth bass. There is a 14" minimum. The subject was issued a citation for failure to release a short fish.

While patrolling at Stratton Lock and Dam, CPO Kelley encountered four subjects in possession of 8 undersized largemouth bass. Citations and written warnings were issued to all.

Sgt Schreiber and CPO Semenik patrolled the Fox Chain O' Lakes. Citations, written warnings, and verbal warnings were issued for various boat registration and safety act violations including PFD violations, no wake violations, operating in restricted areas, and pulling a tuber without an observer.

CPO Semenik and CPO Knop patrolled the Fox Chain O' Lakes. Citations, written warnings, and verbal warnings were issued for various boat registration and safety act violations including PFD violations, no wake violations, and operating in restricted areas. Multiple fishing boats were checked as well, and two men were cited for failure to immediately release short largemouth bass. The minimum length to keep largemouth bass on the Chain O' Lakes is 14 inches. Four of the men's five bass were below the legal limit.

District 3 – Sgt. Dave Wollgast
(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)

GRUNDY COUNTY

While on patrol at Lincoln Lake, CPOs Reid and Farber observed a pontoon boat underway with several passengers sitting off the back of the boat and 4 children under the age of 13 without life jackets. The boat also did not have valid registration. Upon stopping the vessel, the CPOs noticed the operator exhibited indications of impairment. After performing field sobriety testing, the operator was arrested for operating under the influence of alcohol in addition to the other violations.

CPO Reid conducted a traffic stop on I-55 on a vehicle travelling 98 mph. The driver of the vehicle stated he did not believe Conservation Police could pull him over. The driver was subsequently cited for speeding.

CPO Honiotes worked the I & M Canal trail which is currently closed near Morris where the aquaduct collapsed from a flood 3 years ago. Several groups of people were found on the crumbling concrete structure above Nettle Creek. The people were warned not to come back and removed from the area.

CPO Bergland investigated a jet ski accident with two groups of teenagers operating two jet skis on a lake. One of the youths turned his jet ski towards the other thinking he was going to turn as well. The second jet ski stopped in the water, and the first ran into the side of it. One youth was taken to intermediate care and released without treatment. A citation for navigation rules was issued.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Farber located several people in a remote area of Kankakee River State Park after the park was closed. Written warnings were issued for remaining in a closed area after hours.

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WILL COUNTY

CPO Farber conducted recreational boat inspections on the Kankakee river at the Des Plaines Conservation Area boat launch. Written warnings were issued for safety equipment violations.

CPO Farber received a complaint from a safety officer at D construction in Coal City, IL. The safety officer advised that a yellow Baja Outlaw watercraft was operating carelessly near a construction barge in Wilmington, IL on the Kankakee River. The construction barge and crew were working on the Will Rd bridge. CPO Farber responded to the Des Plaines Conservation Area to attempt to locate the yellow Baja or truck and trailer. Neither were found. CPO Farber then traveled to the jobsite to speak with the iron worker foreman from D Construction. The foreman advised that a yellow Baja had driven by their job site three times at speed estimated to be around 50 MPH. He said that the boat was operating within twenty feet of the construction barge. The boat was spraying the barge and work crew with water. CPO Farber responded to Harborside and Three Rivers Marina. Both marinas advised that they did not have any slip holders with a boat matching the description. CPO Farber traveled to Big Basin Marina. After canvassing the parking lot, a black Ford truck and Baja trailer were located. Shortly after, CPO Farber observed the yellow Baja in question traveling to the Big Basin boat launch. CPO Farber made contact with the boat occupants. The operator of the boat immediately showed several signs of impairment. The operator completed SFST and registered a .162 BAC. The operator was arrested for careless operation of a watercraft and operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol BAC greater than .08

CPO Reid responded to a State trooper's request for assistance. A subject with multiple outstanding arrest warrants had fled the scene of a traffic stop. CPO Reid was able to locate the vehicle and the subject a short time later. After a brief foot pursuit, CPO Reid was able to apprehend the individual. He was subsequently arrested on his outstanding arrest warrants and added additional charges for resisting arrest and fleeing & eluding.

While conducting numerous patrols along the DuPage River, CPO Reid observed multiple individuals floating down the river in tubes and discarding empty beer cans in the water as they went by. Multiple citations for pollution of a waterway were issued.

CPO Reid was on patrol at a private body of water where a trespass complaint had been signed. He discovered a subject trespassing and fishing at the lake. A check of the man revealed he also did not have a valid fishing license. Citations were issued for fishing on private property without permission and fishing without a license.

District 4 – Sgt. Jed Whitchurch
(Counties: Cook & DuPage)

COOK COUNTY

CPO Stanbary, along with other newly assigned conservation police officers to Cook County, participated in boat training in cooperation with the United States Coast Guard on Lake Michigan. The CPOs learned valuable skills and techniques from members of the Coast Guard on maritime operations, towing techniques and rope handling.

CPO Stanbary patrolled William Powers SFWA. One written warning was issued to a fisherman who was found to be in possession of alcohol in a restricted area.

CPO Stanbary made contact with a fisherman who was cited after a short largemouth bass was found in his cooler. The 10" bass was released, and the fisherman was educated on the site specific regulations.

CPO Stanbary arrested a motorist for driving under the influence of alcohol in East Chicago. The CPO observed the driver throw a beer bottle onto the street at a stop light. After stopping the vehicle, CPO Stanbary noticed an odor of an alcoholic beverage on the driver's breath. Field sobriety testing resulted in the driver being arrested and charged with multiple violations.

CPO Stanbary, along with CPO Klemme, conducted a boat patrol on Lake Michigan. Fourteen vessel inspections were completed by the officers to ensure safe boating and compliance with the boating rules and regulations. Four citations were issued for registration and equipment violations. Multiple written warnings were also issued to boaters who were found to be in violation.

CPO Stanbary and CPO Klemme responded to a boating accident near Navy Pier on Lake Michigan. A large yacht collided with a smaller pleasure boat causing injury to the two occupants of the pleasure boat. The injured boaters were transported to Northwestern Hospital for minor injuries. The yacht operator was cited for no valid registration. The accident remains under investigation by Conservation Police.

CPO Stanbary patrolled William Powers SFWA. A boater was issued a written warning for no type IV throwable on board while boating on Wolf Lake.

CPO Stanbary contacted a visitor at William Powers State Fish and Wildlife Area who was issued a written warning after she lit a fire outside a designated fire grate.

While patrolling William Powers State Fish and Wildlife Area, CPO Stanbary issued one written warning for speeding inside the park. A fisherman was issued a written warning for no fishing license in possession.

During patrol at William Powers SFWA, CPO Stanbary issued one citation and two written warnings for possession of alcohol in a restricted area.

CPO Stanbary contacted a UTV operator after he was found driving down the roads of William Powers. A citation was issued.

Several written warnings were issued to fishermen having no valid fishing license in possession by CPO Stanbary at Wolf Lake. Four vessel inspections were completed at Wolf Lake to insure compliance with boating laws.

CPO Snodgrass participated in a three-day boat training with the United States Coast Guard.

CPO Snodgrass observed a subject driving in the median on La Grange Road in Orland Park. The subject was issued a written warning and advised of the dangers of this act.

CPO Snodgrass patrolled Lake Michigan and the Chicago River. Several boat violations were observed, and he issued 3 written warnings and several verbal warnings for minor boat safety violations.

CPO Snodgrass patrolled William Powers State Park. He issued a written warning to a subject who had their vehicle in a restricted area.

CPO Thornley attended boat training at the USCG center at Calumet Park.

CPO Thornley conducted boat training on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan with USCG

CPO Thornley conducted department lands enforcement at William Powers. CPO Thornley conducted a traffic stop at William Powers. The driver had a suspended driver's license. The driver was cited for driving while license suspended and issued a written warning for speed and expired registration. The suspended driver stated his brother, who was a passenger in the vehicle, could drive the vehicle home. A check of the brother's driver's license showed the brother was wanted on a warrant. The brother was placed into custody by CPO Stanbary and transported to the Chicago Police Department for processing.

CPO Thornley issued a citation for operating a watercraft in a no wake zone on Wolf Lake. A written warning was also issued for no sounding device at Wolf Lake.

CPO Thornley received a call about 3 personal watercrafts (PWC) possibly operating impaired on Lake Michigan. CPO Thornley arrived on scene and was told all 3 PWCs had left the area. CPO Thornley spotted a PWC operating on Lake Michigan well after sunset. CPO Thornley issued the operator a citation for unlawful operation of a PWC after sunset.

CPO Thornley conducted department lands enforcement at William Powers. CPO Thornley conducted two traffic stops, resulting in 2 written warnings. One warning was for speed and the second for parking in a prohibited area.

While traveling to the south end of William Powers, CPO Stanbary spotted several Canada geese which had been hit by a vehicle. CPO Thornley spotted an inner fender within the vicinity of the geese. CPO Thornley and CPO Snodgrass checked the vehicles that were leaving the area. All vehicles checked possessed inner fenders. CPO Thornley traveled to a south side of Chicago neighborhood to search for the individual who struck and killed 18 Canada Geese. CPO Thornley, with the assistance of CPO Snodgrass, traveled to a residence where the suspect vehicle was located. CPO Thornley spoke with individuals at the house. After interviewing 2 people, CPO Thornley got a confession and written statement from the individual who struck and killed the geese. Photographs of the vehicle were taken. Charges are pending.

CPO Sanford and CPO Klemme conducted boat patrol on Lake Michigan, in accordance with the Boat Registration and Safety Act. CPO Sanford conducted twenty boat inspections, resulting in 2 citations issued for no valid watercraft registration and 1 written warning for no sounding device.

CPO Sanford participated in advanced patrol boat operations training with the US Coast Guard.

CPO Sanford attended Breath Alcohol Operator School at ISP District 2 in Elgin.

CPO Sanford conducted a preliminary investigation in relation to a large fish kill on the North Shore Channel of the Chicago River.

CPO Mooi and CPO Klemme were patrolling Lake Michigan by boat when they observed a sail boat without any visual identifying markings. CPO Mooi conducted a stop and spoke with the owner/operator. The owner was only able to provide a Coast Guard documentation which expired in 2006 and a bill of sale from 2005.

CPO Mooi and CPO Klemme were patrolling Lake Michigan and conducted an inspection of a large charter vessel. The vessel was found to be conducting a charter without passenger-for-hire licensing. A citation was issued for the offense.

CPO Mooi and CPO Klemme were patrolling Lake Michigan and observed a sail boat anchored outside of Burnham Harbor. The sailboat did not have any identifying markings. The operator of the sailboat believed the boat was registered; however, a records check indicated the registration expired in 2016. The operator was issued a citation for unlawful operation of an unnumbered watercraft.

CPO Mooi and CPO Klemme were patrolling Lake Michigan south of Navy Pier when a call went out to the CPD Marine Unit and Conservation Police about a wave runner on the lake near the fireworks safety zone. Sunset was about 2 hours earlier. The CPD Marine Unit and Conservation Police were able to locate the wave runner. A vessel safety inspection was conducted, and the following violations were observed: no personal flotation devices for the operator and passenger, no fire extinguisher, no sounding device, operating a personal watercraft between sunset and sunrise. While speaking with the operator, CPO Mooi could smell a moderate odor of an alcoholic beverage on the operator's breath. The operator and passenger were both taken onto the Conservation Police boat and transported to the Chicago Marine Safety Station. CPO Mooi conducted field sobriety testing on the operator of the wave runner. The operator was arrested for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. The operator provided a chemical breath sample which showed a breath alcohol concentration of 0.152% almost twice the legal limit, which is 0.08%.

CPO Mooi and CPO Klemme were patrolling Lake Michigan and stopped multiple illegal charter vessels. Enforcement action is pending.

CPO Ausmus worked William Powers enforcing the fish code. CPO Ausmus issued one citation and several written warnings.

CPO Ausmus and CPO Klemme worked boat enforcement on Lake Michigan and the Chicago River system. CPO Ausmus cited a Chicago man for a wake zone violation and no type 4 throwable PFD when required. Warnings were issued for no fire extinguisher, uncovered batteries, and no flares while boating on Lake Michigan.

CPO Klemme and CPO Ausmus stopped a rental boat on the Chicago River and documented three equipment violations, one of which being the cut-off lanyard was taped down. The manager on duty at the rental boat operation was issued three Class B misdemeanor tickets and is required to appear in court.

While conducting boat training on the Chicago River, CPO Ausmus stopped a dingy with no visible registration. The operator was issued a citation for operation of an unnumbered watercraft and warnings for no cut-off lanyard and no sounding device.

DuPAGE COUNTY

CPO Mooi is investigating the possible illegal possession of an endangered species in DuPage County.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

COLES COUNTY

CPO Mieure attended the "Heroes Path to Excellence" training course at Charleston Police and Fire Dept. training facility.

CPO Barnes cited a Mattoon subject for possession of cannabis at Lake Paradise.

CPO Barnes cited two Charleston subjects for fishing without a license at Lake Charleston.

CPO Barnes cited a Texas subject for possession of drug paraphernalia at Lake Paradise.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

DOUGLAS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

EDGAR COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MOULTRIE COUNTY

While patrolling Lake Shelbyville, CPOs Mieure and Greuel observed three swimmers attempting to reach a pontoon boat which was drifting/blowing away faster than they could swim. One swimmer, a minor, started shouting for help as he went under water twice and pulling his buddy down with him. The stronger swimmer broke away. CPOs Mieure and Greuel approached the subjects, and CPO Mieure threw the exhausted minor a Type IV. After getting him onto the patrol boat and checking his well-being, he was found to smell of alcohol. The subject was also later found to be wanted on a warrant. Additionally, five minor passengers on the pontoon boat were cited for unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Moody cited two Blue Mound men at the Wolf Creek beach for possession of alcohol after CPO Moody was called there for a fist fight. Neither men wanted to press charges for the fight as they were related.

CPO Moody cited a Pana woman for possession of cannabis while checking boaters on the Kaskaskia River.

CPO Moody cited a Mattoon woman for possession of cannabis while checking boaters on the Kaskaskia River.

CPO Barnes cited a Pana subject for pollution of a waterway on the Kaskaskia River.

CPO Mieure and CPO Moody responded to the Kaskaskia River for a call to assist a stranded tuber. While on the river, both CPOs assisted two other vessels experiencing motor problems. While returning to the boat launch, CPOs Mieure and Moody conducted a boat stop and found the operator (a Shelbyville man) to be under the influence of alcohol. The subject was arrested and transported to Shelby County jail with a .347 BAC.

While patrolling the Kaskaskia River, CPOs Mieure and Moody cited two subjects for possession of drug paraphernalia and marijuana.

Sgt McReynolds and CPO Moody assisted the Shelby County Sheriff's Office and Windsor Police in the search for a missing Bloomington man whose vehicle was located near Lake Shelbyville. A search of the area was conducted. A Shelby County Deputy located the individual deceased from an apparent self-inflicted gun shot wound.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

DEWITT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

IROQUOIS

No activity reported for this county

LIVINGSTON

No activity reported for this county

MACON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

McLEAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

VERMILION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Eric Myers

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

ADAMS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

BROWN COUNTY

On June 20th, CPO Blakeley was the guest reader at the Mt. Sterling library for the summer reading program. CPO Blakeley read to approximately 100 children.

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPOs Weishaupt and French conducted two commercial fishing details on the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers. During the details, a commercial fisherman was arrested for unlawfully fishing refuge waters without a permit.

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley was conducting fishing license checks at Wildcat Springs on Rt. 96 in Hamilton. A Keokuk man was found to be fishing without a fishing license. After obtaining the man's driver's license and criminal history, he was found to have 4 outstanding warrants, 2 from Dewitt County and 2 from Mason County. The man was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Hancock County jail. The man was left there for extradition and charged with fishing without a fishing license.

JERSEY COUNTY

CPO Goetten observed a watercraft nearly hit the Grafton Ferry. He contacted the Missouri State Police Water Patrol for assistance. An officer on a boat patrol responded, and CPO Goetten accompanied him on a boat patrol. The boat was located and stopped. The operators had switched places since the near collision. Both subjects were under the influence of alcohol. The current operator was arrested for OUI. He refused chemical tests. The original operator, the boat owner, was charged with careless operation of a watercraft. Based on his high level of intoxication, additional charges are pending for permitting a person to operate a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol.

While CPO Goetten was traveling to a district meeting, a vehicle pulled in front of him and ran off the road several times. Upon making the stop, the driver began backing up. CPO Goetten quickly backed up and avoided a collision. The driver failed field sobriety tests and was arrested for DUI drugs. He was transported to the Jersey County Sheriff's Department.

CPO French arrested two Granite City subjects for possession of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, possession of Vicodin without a prescription, no insurance, expired registration and fishing without a license.

MACOUPIN COUNTY

CPO Gushleff closed a case in which 3 subjects pleaded guilty to the numerous wildlife charges. They were ordered to pay fines and fees totaling \$2,027. A total of 5 sets of deer antlers were surrendered to the IDNR.

PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SCHUYLER COUNTY

On June 16th, CPO James Blakeley attended the Schuyler/Brown County 4-H Fair at the Schuyler County Fairgrounds. CPO Blakeley was a judge for the natural resource projects.

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LOGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MASON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Macias and CPO Gilmer were on several boat patrols spanning the Illinois River, Sangamon River, and Lake Springfield. Both were enforcing boating and fishing laws. Over a weekend, they issued 6 citations, 18 written warnings, and assisted 4 people.

CPOs Macias and Gilmer were on a boat patrol in Lake Springfield when several people waived their boat down and told them about a runaway boat. A subject self-launching his boat forgot to tie it down as he sped away to park his trailer. The boat drifted into the water away from the ramp, and he could not recover it. The CPOs quickly grabbed the boat, secured it to their patrol boat, and safely maneuvered it back to the ramp to the stranded boater.

CPOs Macias and Gilmer noticed a boat in distress in the Illinois River with two people on board. They were on the edge of a good flowing river. The CPOs tied up to their boat and side towed them back to the ramp they launched from. Both subjects were very happy for the assist

CPO Macias spoke with two different hunters concerning their respective fall 2016 harvests. After personal interviews, several discrepancies were found. A warning and a citation were issued.

SCOTT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker
(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

BOND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley issued numerous citations for fishing without a license, snagging, and failure to immediately release short fish (Sauger) on the Kaskaskia River below the Carlyle Lake dam.

Several CPO's assisted the Corps of Engineers at Carlyle Lake for the 50th anniversary celebration. No significant activity occurred.

MADISON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Schachner received a complaint on his day off regarding fishing without permission a closed access lake. He quickly responded and located three young men fishing from an unregistered paddleboat without any lifejackets, and one of the subjects did not have a fishing license. It was determined the three subjects actually had permission. After they agreed to immediately obtain lifejackets and the fishing license, the subjects were issued a total of 6 warnings.

MONTGOMERY

CPO Tapley attended a hunter safety course in Raymond. 18 students plus parents were in attendance.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Schachner and CPO Liebl were patrolling Kaskaskia River and encountered a boat in need of assistance. The boat had serious motor issues in which the occupants could not shut the motor off nor prevent it from revving at extremely high rpms. Flipping the engine kill switch did not stop it, but one of the quick-thinking passengers pulled the fuel line, which stopped the motor quickly. The officers towed the boat and four occupants a short distance to the nearby boat ramp.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

District 13 has received numerous complaints of over-sized motors on 10hp restricted waters. CPO Schachner covertly worked Peabody River King and witnessed multiple violations. CPO Sievers assisted in apprehending the violators at the boat ramp, and they issued 2 citations for operation of over-sized motors and multiple written warnings.

CPO Schachner and CPO Sievers were patrolling the Kaskaskia River when they received a call for assistance. A recreational boat had "spun" a prop which prevented the boat from operating forward or backward. The officers towed the boat and two occupants upstream to the nearest boat ramp and then transported the occupants back to their vehicle which was located at a different ramp. One subject recognized CPO Sievers and recalled that she was a passenger on a different boat several years prior when CPO Sievers also assisted them with towing/transporting that disabled boat.

CPO Liebl was enroute to a boat patrol when he observed a vehicle drive through a red light on Rt. 15. A traffic stop was conducted, and it was found that the driver had a suspended driver's license. He also had expired registration and improper registration stickers on the vehicle. Citations were issued, and the man was given a mandatory court date.

CPO Liebl was asked to join Team Watters Sonar Search and Recovery in searching for a missing woman and her vehicle. The woman had been missing since late April. While using sonar to search the lakes at Frank Holten State Park, an object was discovered that appeared to be a vehicle. With the help of the Hillsboro, IL

Fire Department dive team, the vehicle was determined to be that of the missing woman. The dive team helped hook up the vehicle so it could be removed from the lake. Once on land, it was discovered that the missing woman was inside the vehicle. Illinois State Police and East St. Louis Police are handling the investigation. Without the use of sonar and the assistance of Team Watters Sonar Search and Recovery, it is unknown how long the woman and her vehicle would have remained missing.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

REGION 5 – Captain Jim Mayes

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPOs Williams and Jourdan responded to a report of a capsized vessel near the Rend Lake spillway. Four occupants of the vessel abandoned ship when the boat swamped from waves and passing vessel wake. All occupants were retrieved unharmed from the water by good Samaritans. The vessel was recovered by the Army Corps of Engineers and Franklin County dive team.

During a fishing compliance check at the West Frankfort Old City Lake, CPO Williams discovered an unlicensed fisherman was wanted on a failure to appear warrant from Jackson County. The subject was arrested and taken to the Franklin County jail. The subject also received a citation for fishing without a license.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPOs Folden and Williams investigated and filed a report with the Hamilton County State's Attorney for criminal damage to State supported property from an incident which occurred at Hamilton County State Fish and Wildlife Area. The subject was apprehended after a traffic stop and jailed by local officers for the criminal damage and other charges.

CPO Williams cited a sawmill operator for unlawful purchase of timber without a timber buyers license and failure to pay harvest fees as required by the Timber Buyer's License Act.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Lay and Sgt. Cariens responded to a 911 call and assisted several stranded boaters on a pontoon boat at Rend Lake. The boat was towed to the Ina boat launch, and the occupants were taken to retrieve their vehicle to remove the boat from the lake.

CPO Williams passed a vehicle driving toward the Rend Lake FWA North Bonnie access with one occupant. Inquiries into the registered owner indicated a revoked registered owner. Upon retuning to the access area, the vehicle was driving into town. A vehicle stop was conducted at the address on the registration (nearby), and the driver/registered owner admitted to being revoked. While inquiring if the vehicle contained any open alcohol or drugs, the driver advised there was a gun he forgot about. A rifle was laying in the back seat. The driver also had a revoked FOID card and a felony conviction. The firearm was seized, and the driver was arrested and jailed at Jefferson County.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Johnson was patrolling Pope County and heard chainsaws coming from the Shawnee forest. CPO Johnson drove for a couple hours until he pinpointed the location of the saws. He discovered a residence where 2 loggers were cutting trees. He spoke with the landowner and verified which timber buyer was on the contract. He ran a license query and discovered the timber buyer's license was suspended. The timber buyer was cited for operating as a timber buyer on a suspended license. CPO Johnson investigated further and uncovered many individuals who have not been paid by the same timber buyer. The CPO is assisting those individuals to get paid the amounts on the contract. Further charges are pending.

SALINE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WHITE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

CLAY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CRAWFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

FAYETTE COUNTY

CPO Compton investigated a salt water spill in Fayette County by Petco Petroleum. Approximately 200 barrels of salt water were released into a nearby waterway. The spill resulted in over 300 fish of 20 different species being killed. IEPA and the IDNR Office of Mines and Minerals are also involved in the investigation.

JASPER COUNTY

Sgt Hyatt and CPO Taylor conducted a boat safety inspection on a boat operating on Newton Lake. During the inspection, it was found that the passengers were short one life jacket. The operator of the boat was issued a citation for insufficient number of life jackets.

While working on Newton Lake, CPO Taylor checked a fisherman fishing from shore. The subject did not have a fishing license and was issued a citation.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

CPO Taylor was notified by a Sumner police officer that a female subject who was wanted on a warrant was camping in Red Hill State Park. CPO Taylor checked the primitive campground area and observed a vehicle registered to the wanted female. CPO Taylor observed a female matching the wanted person's description standing outside a tent. Contact was made and the female was taken into custody for failure to appear on a battery charge.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Compton responded to an oil and salt water spill in Marion County near Patoka, Illinois. This was a blue line spill due to the leaked substances running into a nearby creek. The leak was first noticed by the manager of the property, but he failed to report it. IDNR Office Mines and Minerals and the EPA are also investigating the case.

CPO Smith was enforcing Illinois boating and park laws at Forbes Lake and encountered the following activity: CPO Smith issued 2 citations to individuals at Rocky Point Beach for having an alcoholic beverage in their possession in a prohibited area; 1 citation to a boat operator for insufficient number of PFDs; written warnings at Forbes Lake State Park: 1 for PFD, 1 for sounding device, 1 for boat safety certificate, 2 for overloading watercraft, 2 for possession of an alcoholic beverage in a prohibited area, 3 for fire extinguisher, and 4 for battery.

RICHLAND COUNTY

CPO Smith and CPO Roper worked the Wabash River for OUI enforcement. CPO Smith was in route to his residence and encountered a vehicle driving erratically. The vehicle was driving in the center of the unmarked roadway and failed to use its turn signal. CPO Smith approached the vehicle when the vehicle stopped at a residence. CPO Smith spoke to the driver and immediately suspected the driver to be DUI. CPO Smith asked the driver to hand him the open alcohol (Mixed Vodka drink), driver's license, and insurance card. CPO Smith conducted SFSTs, and processed the driver for DUI. The driver consented to BAC which resulted in .184%. CPO Smith transported the subject to the Richland County jail where he was further processed and released on bail. CPO Smith issued 1 citation for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, 1 citation for operating vehicle DUI .08% or more, 1 written warning for improper lane usage, 1 written warning for open alcohol, and 1 written warning for failing to use turn signal. The vehicle was left at the subject's residence where the stop occurred.

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WAYNE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 16 – Sgt. K. Taylor

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

ALEXANDER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Johnson was working Lake Kinkaid when he observed 2 passengers seated on the stern of the boat. A compliance check was conducted and various safety equipment was found to be defective. The operator also showed impairment and had a BAC of .157. He was arrested for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol.

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MASSAC COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PERRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

UNION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county